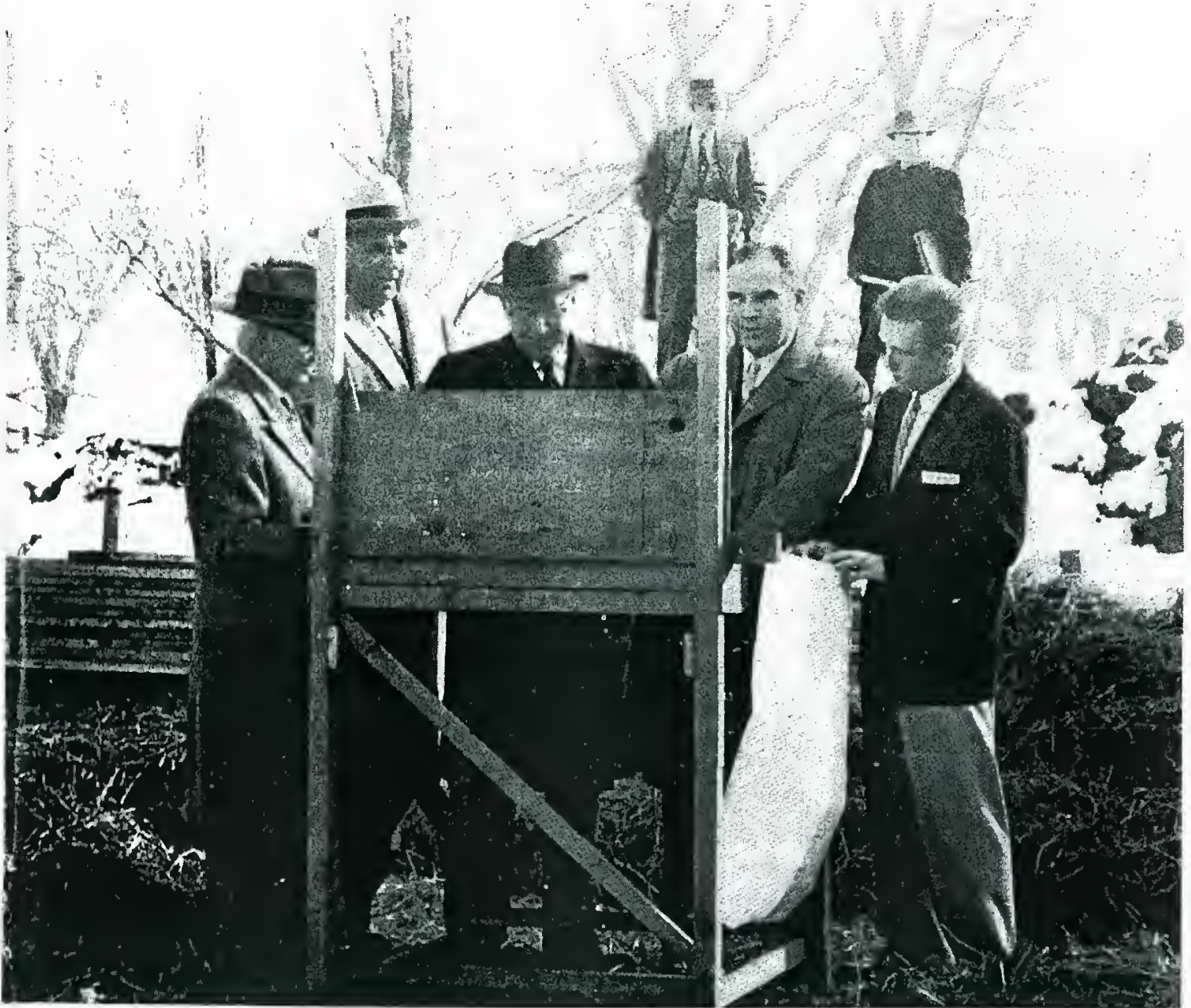


# SHIMER COLLEGE RECORD

## Alumni News



Site of New Men's Dormitory

Mr. Nelson Dezendorf, Chairman — Board of Trustees; Mr. Lamp, Contractor; Mr. Mittelbush, Architect; President F. J. Mullin; Alan Dowty, President, Student Government. (in background—Mr. Fetterolf, Business Manager; and Mr. Bell, Publicity Director)

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DEAR ALUMS:

This is a report of some of the annual meetings that your National Alumni Association has sponsored.

In the Chicago area we have sponsored two annual events — a winter luncheon and a summer tea. Both of these events were well attended. The summer tea was held in the Alpha Delta House at 5747 University Avenue. The winter luncheon was held in the Georgian Room at Carson Pirie and Scott Company.

Mrs. Ruth Easterbrook Kilbourn (1889) has offered her garden for this coming summer's tea.

The California alumni sponsored a tea in August and a luncheon in November of last year.

In the Iowa area a tea was held at the Blackhawk Hotel in Davenport in September. Plans are being made for a group meeting in the fall in the Cedar Rapids area.

Martha Sawyer Huckbody ('49) reported that the Shimer Milwaukee area group had held a winter meeting and was busy with plans for a spring meeting.

The Washington D.C. area has not been heard from as of this date but will probably have something to report before the next issue of the RECORD.

The annual meeting and election of alumni association officers will be held on the Shimer campus Convocation Weekend. Plans for entertaining the visiting alumni have been made. Notice the program for Saturday and Sunday.

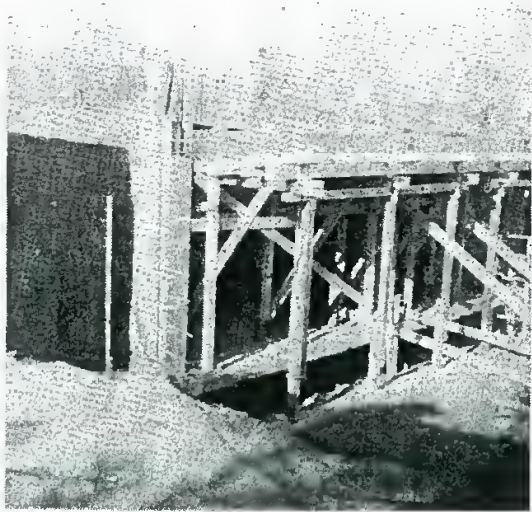
Sincerely,

VIRGINIA CROGHAN

*President*

National Alumni Association





● As the mercury has risen, the number of sidewalk superintendents has increased at the construction project on the southeast corner of the Quadrangle. Visitors to the building site will note that all the footings of the structure, which will provide housing for male students next fall, have been poured, and concrete work on the ground floor is already under way.

Other visible signs of progress on the campus may be noted at Hathaway Hall, on the east side of the quadrangle. Built in 1905, Hathaway formerly served as a dormitory for men. No longer suitable for residence purposes, the upper floors of the building now provide classrooms and offices for members of the instructional staff. The room set aside for religious purposes is now located in Hathaway Hall.



## CURRICULUM EXPANSION

The teacher training curriculum at Shimer will be expanded next fall to include programs for prospective teachers of music, art, speech, and physical education.

Music and the visual arts are now an integral part of Shimer's general education program, and courses in theory and methods will be added to the curriculum to meet the needs of prospective teachers in these areas.

Physical education facilities at Shimer include a well-equipped gymnasium, tennis courts, golf course, and swimming pool. Besides the usual activities, prospective teachers of physical education will be offered courses in anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology, as well as those in the administration of health, athletic, and recreational programs.

To round out Shimer's teacher training program, courses will be added in the principles of public speaking and voice training and the principles of play production for students who wish to teach speech or administer dramatics programs on the high school level. Ample facilities for theatrical productions exist on the Shimer campus, and stage productions sponsored by the Green Curtain Club have been one of the most popular extra-curricular activities at the College. It is anticipated that speech students will participate extensively in campus debate and dramatics activities.

Dr. Mullin stated "The Shimer program of teacher training not only qualifies a student for teacher certification at the high school level, it also provides him with one of the finest possible backgrounds in general education and gives him intensive training in one or more areas in which he will be well qualified to teach. Because of the expressed needs of high schools for teachers, Shimer will make available some thirty Future Teacher Scholarships to encourage qualified young men and women to train for the teaching profession.

## TELEVISION SERIES

A unique television series has been presented by Shimer students and faculty members during the current academic year. Originating in the studios of WREX-TV (Channel 13), Rockford, every fourth Monday, the various programs have won praises for their educational value and the liveliness of their execution. They have presented stimulating factual knowledge while delineating Shimer's approach to education.

The first program of the series was "Perspectives on Sputnik," a panel discussion of the problems raised by the launching of an earth satellite. Views of the scientist, David W. Weiser, and the humanist and social scientist, John Hirschfield and D. E. McBride, faculty members, were expressed. Student opinions were stated by Janet Gibstein, and Redd Griffin.

The panel agreed that the satellite did not reveal scientific truths but merely demonstrated those which Newton postulated centuries ago.

"Art Appreciation" was the second program of the TV series. Mr. Ben Kneale, Art Instructor, conducted the discussion of the interpretation of the different art projects. The projects were selected on differences of approach and each student interpreted his own work for the TV audience. Three kinds of art — decorative, illustrative, and interpretative — were displayed by students Pat Long, Ron Millard, and James Tse. Creative and interpretative Art which are emphasized in the Shimer Art Laboratory were given a prominent place on the program.

"Mutation and Radiation" was a program discussing mutation and animal life and the effects which radiation has upon it. Dr. Edward Colin, geneticist, and George Cossman of the physical science staff represented the Shimer faculty. They were joined in the discussion by students J. D. Cohen, Gib Akin, Suzanne Boram, and Beatrice Hill.

This was an excellent example of the learning process as practiced at Shimer and the subject lent itself well to TV treatment. Members of the group pointed out that radiation can cause mutations, that most mutations are harmful and that they may not become noticeable until several generations have passed.

The last TV program was "Creative Music." Mrs. Helen Dixon and Richard Hensel of the music staff and John Hirschfield of the humanities department led the discussion. Original musical compositions of Shimer students were presented. A madrigal by Rosalind Conklin was sung by Anita VanTellingen, and a modern, twelve-tone piece was played by the composer, Betsey Sellner.

Those who were viewing the programs could see that the discussions were still going on, for, "Discussions at Shimer are never finished . . . the process of inquiry and debate continues in the student lounges, at the dinner table, in the residence halls . . . Young minds are stimulated by the Shimer atmosphere to ask new questions and seek fresh answers."

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● David W. Weiser, dean of faculty, has been chosen by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to participate in that organization's leadership training project. Young college administrators who are considered to have high potential for leadership in the field of higher education have been selected to take part in the program.

The schedule of the leadership project includes visits to the campuses of several colleges and universities where participants inspect academic programs and administrative procedures.



## NEW FACULTY

*Rev. Mr. Theodore Rodd* is a new member of the Shimer faculty, teaching mathematics. He is pastor of the Mount Carroll Methodist Church. The Rev. Rodd received his bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in 1940 and his master's degree in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin in 1941. From 1941-44, he continued graduate work at Wisconsin while teaching mathematics at that University. He received a B.D. degree from Oberlin Theological Seminary in 1948, and served as pastor of the Clearing Methodist Church in Chicago for eight years prior to coming to Mt. Carroll in 1957. Mr. and Mrs. Rodd have four children and are living in the Church parsonage.

*Rene Shimmel Sieburth* is a new instructor in French. She was born in Belgium and came to the U.S. at the age of 13. She took her B.A. *summa cum laude* from Northwestern University in 1956 and her M.A. in Romance Languages at the University of Wisconsin in 1957. Since her marriage to Shimer Instructor Gunter Sieburth she has been teaching at Shimer.

## ATTENTION

Faculty, Students, and Alumni: Beginning with this issue through the 30th of April, 1958 the Student Cabinet of Shimer College is sponsoring a contest for the drawing of an emblem for the Shimer "Pioneers." A prize will be offered. Send your entries to Mr. Don Ludy — Shimer College.

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If you know the present address of any of the following alums please notify the alumni office.

Most recent "lost" alums:

Phyllis Butcher Hartzler ('52), Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Parker ('54), Kay Okamoto ('50), David Sitowitz ('56), Shirley Miller Manchee ('44), and Mr. and Mrs. John Israel ('54).

## RABIES STUDY

None of the 190 animals processed to date at Shimer College, headquarters of a rabies study being conducted by the Illinois Natural History Survey, has been found to be infected with the rabies virus, according to B. J. Verts, mammalogist in charge.

The rabies study will continue for three years, and now that the weather is moderating, trapping activities will be stepped up. The 190 mammals examined for rabies include: 12 opossum, 92 shrews, two moles, 25 raccoons, three foxes, 49 bats, one deer, one house cat, four minks, and one weasel.

While investigating the incidence of rabies among the carnivores of this area, Verts and his assistants are gathering other important data, also. All field mice taken are turned over to the Illinois Natural History Survey, where research is done on the pesky chigger, an arachnid carried by mice. Pelts of the animals are examined for fleas, a pest of interest to economic entomologists working with the survey. Reproductive information is being collected, too, on the raccoon and the rabbit.

Each mammal brought to the laboratory on the campus is weighed and measured, and its reproductive capacity at the time of its death is also noted. For rabies testing, a piece of the brain is removed, placed in a preservative and refrigerated before shipment.

Animals taken alive are humanely destroyed, and a blood sample is taken to determine whether the animal has had contact with the rabies virus. Even though the animal may not have developed rabies, it may have antibodies in its blood indicating contact with the dreaded virus. The blood samples are also used by other research people who are working on such diseases as hog cholera and leptospirosis. Any unusual aspect of an animal, such as parasitic infestation or enlarged organs, is noted and the specimen is given further study.

## FORMER FACULTY

Dr. and Mrs. *Elden Burke* (History '32-'36) are at Manchester, Indiana, and enjoying a new grandson by correspondence. Their daughter, Alice, has two other children.

*Elsie Comstock Doyle* (Piano '04-'05) visited Dora Knight Harris (Piano '01-'13) in the East. She reports that Mrs. Harris refuses to get old and is succeeding in staying mentally youthful and alert. They spoke of ". . . the pleasure it gave us to have Shimer give Miss Hostetter the honor and recognition of her influence and service to the school."

*Lois Engleman* (Librarian '32-42) had a five-week trip to Ireland, Scotland, and England, and is making plans for another like it. She says, "Even in the rain I love it, and we were lucky enough to have a sunny week for the trip to the Isle of Skye. The final 10 days in Devonshire were a delight; the moor from Hay Tor and Widdecombe; the lovely villages; the conversations and a luncheon at Compton Castle — all combined to give me an incomparable holiday."

*Sybil Bower Ferguson* (Speech & Drama '42-'44) has three boys ranging in age from 8 years to 13 years. In a note to Miss Hostetter she wrote, "Time does pass and bring many changes, but the one constant factor is you! Your latest picture in the *News* shows that you haven't changed one iota and that is just as it should be!"

*Grace Knod* (Music '56-'57) is teaching in Elgin, Illinois. She had a wonderful 10 day vacation in Aculpoca for the Christmas Holidays.

*Anita Knowlton* (Fac. 1896-97) died January 22, 1958 at the age of 89. Her home had been in Pasadena, California for the past twelve years.

*Stella Lane* (Dean '43-'46) plans to stopover in Mt. Carroll in April enroute to a St. Louis meeting of National Association of Deans of Women.

*Maurice Lovejoy* (Chem. '40-'47) and family are still enjoying a busy life

in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Their address is 1639 First Avenue, Southeast.

*Frances Norwood* (History '37) plans to be in Chicago early this month on her way to Texas where she has been asked to read a paper.

*Estelle Cozine Nelson* (Drama — Speech '30-'35) and family have moved East where her husband, John, was transferred to the New York office of General Electric's Tube Department. Their new home is on a hill in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, where they watch the sun rise over the Empire State Building. The address is 61 Stonehouse Road, Glen Ridge.

*John Russell's* (Dean of the College, '48-'54) educational activities continue to absorb the major part of his time. He serves as a consultant at the Air Force Academy, does special jobs for the North Central Association and works on other educational consulting jobs and committees. At all times of the year he pores over manuscripts of hopeful doctoral candidates.

News from *Dorothy Will Simon* (Speech — Drama '35-'36) gives her present address in Seattle, Wash. where Dr. Simon is on an exchange professorship at the University of Washington. Their two sons are attending the University and they are all happy to be in Seattle.

A portion of a Ph.D. thesis concerning "The Agaric Flora of Texas," submitted to the University of Michigan by *Ellen Birkett Thiers'* husband, Harry, has been published by the Lancaster Press. He gratefully acknowledged the assistance of Ellen ('38 — faculty '48-'53) for preparation of the Latin diagnosis.

*Dr. Floyd Wilcox* (Pres. 1930-'35) is now retired and lives in Menlo Park, California. He and Mrs. Wilcox travelled a lot last summer. Their son, Bob, and his family are in Bangkok, where he teaches in the University. Carder is in the Accounting field in Los Angeles. The girls, Dot and Freddie, are in new homes with their families.

## ALUMNI GROUPS

The Southern California alumni met on November 11, 1957, at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles, for a luncheon. Suggestions were made for a special party, such as a Theatre or Moulin Rouge party.

The President of the California group is Janet Olson Greenwood ('41) and Madalyn Bruns (Pat) Rulin ('40) is Secretary-Treasurer. Other alums attending the luncheon were:

Bonnie McCollum Berry ('37), Ruth Tonsalin Busch ('26), Ruth Cornelius ('22), Barbara Diefendorf ('41), Norma McCollum Easterbrook ('37), Jeanette Shively Gingerich ('05), Marie Armstrong Lagerquist ('42), Betts Perry Lange ('42), Cathy Carr McMillan ('42), Olive Hulsifer Parker ('92), and Ada Pieper ('05).

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The annual Luncheon of Chicago area alumni was held on March 22, in the Georgian Room of Carson, Pirie and Scott. A very entertaining program included a dramatic reading of T.S. Eliot's "MacCaffery" by Miss Susanne Boram, Shimer student; a "few words" by President F. J. Mullin; recognition of members of Shimer faculty and staff; and recognition of the oldest alumna, Ruth Easterbrook Kilbourn (1889).

The guest speaker was Dean David W. Weiser who spoke on "Fragments of Student Life on Campus." The majority of his comments were taken from the newly organized campus newspaper which, in its life span of 8 issues, has covered the pro's and con's of practically every event that has taken place on campus as well as quite a number of "mere thoughts."

Miss Janet Lippincott, National Alumni Association Treasurer, served as toastmistress. The speaker's table consisted of Miss A. Beth Hostetter, President F. J. Mullin; Mr. and Mrs. Bell; Bruce Cushna, Vice President, National Alumni Association; and Miss Susanne

Boram as well as Miss Lippincott and Dean Weiser. Other representatives of the College were Mrs. Bernice Dennis; Miss Natalie Dupius; Miss Virginia Croghan, President-National Alumni Association; Miss Baxter; and Mrs. Jessie Mangrum. Alumni and friends present at the luncheon were:

Margaret (Mimi) Goetz Atkinson ('55), Sue Sensiba Bray ('47), Bruce Bromberg ('56), Philip Dahlberg ('56), Morris Friedell ('57), Laurel E. Gilligly ('12), Carolyn Goetz — friend, Jay Goldenburg ('57), Janet Fritz Greene ('44), Norma Jean Sorensen Gustafson ('36), Adrienne Hargrove ('52), Richard Hartung ('56), Ruth Easterbrook Kilbourn ('89), Mary Treat Kuhlman ('44), Mrs. Charles Lippincott — parent, Mrs. George Lorentzen — friend, Nancy Moulton ('56), Laverne Holm Norman ('43), Peter Prout ('58), Mrs. J. B. Salberg — parent, Barbara Samuals — friend, Berthan Jansey Schroth ('47), Rex and Sybil Styzens ('54-'55), Ed Walbridge ('57), Jayne Polloch Waterman ('42), and Miss Wiley — friend.

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The Milwaukee alumni held a meeting on November 19 at the home of Martha Sawyer Huckbody ('49). The meeting consisted of a business meeting and election of officers. Martha was elected President; Mary Stephens Bench ('49), Vice President and Program Chairman; Nancy Stewart ('49), Secretary-Treasurer. A luncheon is planned for May and a picnic for the summer.

Those who attended the Milwaukee meeting were:

Mary Stephens Bench ('49), Lois Schnellbaecher Dolan ('47), Mary Ann Seigert Dralle ('49), Martha Sawyer Huckbody ('49), Mary VonSpach Klumb ('49), Donna Zipprich McEncore ('47), Joyce Burkholz Meisbauer ('48), Nancy Wenniger Miller ('47), Joan Pflugradt Roggenbauer ('48), Andrey Dworkus Sondel ('47), Nancy Stewart ('49), Joan Gaulke Strothman ('49), and Dorothy Cahill Witt ('46).





*Miss Zella Corbett ('10)* is retiring from the Mt. Carroll High School at the close of the school year. She began her teaching career in 1912 and has been teaching in Mt. Carroll for the past 37 years.

She has been active in numerous organizations and has always participated in the various educational activities of the area. She was a trustee of Shimer for several years and has served as president of the Northwest Division of the Illinois Education association. At present she is vice president of the Mt. Carroll branch of the A.A.U.W., a member of the D.A.R., Mt. Carroll Community Club, Wa-Tan-Ye and chapter GA of P.E.O.

In dedicating the year-book of 1957 to Miss Corbett, the seniors of the Mt. Carroll High School paid a great tribute to her in the following inscription: "For cheery smiles and happy ways that you have shared with us — For the knowledge and true scholarship that you have brought to the classroom — For the endless patience and sympathetic understanding of us and our problems — For the inspiration that you

have given your students through excellent advice — We thank you, and it gives us pleasure to dedicate the 1957 Waukarusa to you, Miss Zella Corbett."

Zella Corbett and Martha Green Sawyer were the first graduates of Frances Shimer Junior College in 1910.

## CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Taking a leaf from one of their psychology textbooks, wherein it is pointed out that the best way to destroy an idea is to make it appear ridiculous, Shimer students proceeded to burlesque the Soviet Union and Communism in having an U.S.S.R. week, the last week in January.

The College quadrangle became red square. Metcalf Hall, where the deans hold sway, became the Kremlin. And the snow-covered golf course became Siberia, the banishing point for non-conforming students.

When the "commissars," Alan Dowty of Manson, Iowa, and Redd Griffin of River Forest, Illinois, decreed absolute segregation of the sexes and banned the use of cosmetics, it was a foregone conclusion that a counter revolution would soon break out. The successful feminists installed Nancy Gordon, Chicago, as prime minister; however, unrest continued as the people's voices clamored for the return of democracy.

The satire culminated in the Red Star Ball at the Grill Friday evening. As the festivities were about to get under way, the democratic forces achieved victory, and as Anastasia (Louise Spitzborg, Reading, Pa.) was crowned, the news of America's successful satellite launching was announced.

One student, John Keohane, Mt. Carroll, Ill., summed the week up by saying, "We've had fun spoofing the Sputnik-proud Russians, and we have achieved a greater appreciation of democracy."



## NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD

*John Clinton Youle*, known to millions as Clint Youle, TV weatherman, has accepted an appointment to the board of trustees of Shimer College.

Youle's weather shows and news commentaries are regular features of NBC. He is a graduate of Wheaton College and is Vice President of the Executive Club of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Youle reside in Wayne, Illinois, and they have three children: Jessica, Susan, and four-month old John Clinton, Jr.

In taking on further extra curricular duties as a college trustee, Youle said, "Doubtless it is because I have realized, in my various undertakings, the importance of general education, that I am looking forward with so much enthusiasm to serving on the Shimer board. I am a meteorologist, true, but I majored in English as an undergraduate. It was my liberal education background which enabled me to seize the opportunities afforded me. I am glad to be associated with a college such as Shimer, which places emphasis upon general education, demanding that each student dig deep in the sciences, the arts, and the social sciences before specializing in a particular field."

## WESTMINSTER CHOIR IN FEBRUARY CONCERT

Shimer College had as its guest on February 16, the famed Westminster Choir. The tour of the choir marks the thirty-fifth consecutive season that this distinguished group has appeared under the direction of its founder, John Finley Williamson. The choir, which has twice toured Europe, had just completed its first tour of Asiatic countries.

Westminster Choir, which is familiar to many because of its frequent television appearances, was first organized to serve as a volunteer choir of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Dayton, Ohio. Though the choir retains the name it had in its affiliation with this church, it

is no longer a church choir but a touring concert unit of Westminster Choir College of Princeton, New Jersey. Williamson, who founded the choir, is also founder and president of Westminster Choir College. Recognized as one of today's outstanding authorities on choral techniques, he is also credited with being a pioneer in the development of American choral singing.

The Westminster Choir Concert in Mt. Carroll offered numbers of interest to every type of musical taste, ranging all the way from the major classics by such composers as Palestrina and Bach to representative works by modern composers and a great many examples of popular folk music.

Another of Shimer's featured Concert Series programs was the recital of Mrs. Helen Dixon. Mrs. Dixon is a member of the Shimer faculty teaching piano and the theory and history of music. Mrs. Dixon's selections were by Bach, Beethoven, Liszt, Brahms, Debussy, and Schumann.

Student J. A. Caparros, critic for the campus newspaper, *Quest*, had the following to say "There is no doubt that the concert was excellent . . . She is excellent when it comes to crescendos and diminuendos; they are so well done that M. Rossini would be proud of her . . . We heard Schoenberg in all his harshness speak to us; it was a truly great musical experience . . . The Intermezzos and the Rhapsody showed so much sensitivity and deep comprehension of the music that it was a spiritual adventure, a "soaring" of the spirit."

## DECEASED

Ruth Miles Miller ('19) passed away on October 14, 1957, in Denver, Colorado. Her death is a personal loss to all who knew her.

Mrs. William E. Goodman (wife of trustee from 1928-'45) died December 5, 1957, and services were held in the Hyde Park Church in Chicago. She is survived by her husband, William, a daughter, son, and father.

# ... Family Page ...



Bruce, Todd, Linda Thompson  
(Edwina Myers '37)



Roseanne Rogosin  
(Anne McKnight '43)



Patty                      Bill                      Peter  
Kim                      Beth Bro  
(Patricia Welch '41)



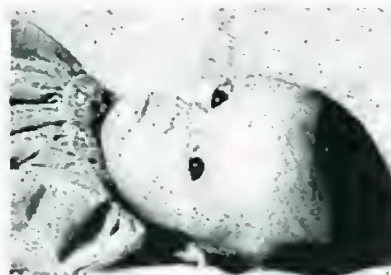
children of Barbara Cote ('37)  
Pittinger



Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Tong  
and son  
(Patsy Lew '49)



Barbara Ann, Wendy Jo, Mike  
Larry Georgia Marks  
(Marjorie Fishbein '39)



Heleen Piper Whitlock  
(Carolyn Piper '50)



## SCATTERED FAMILY

We are grateful to Mary O. Pollard (faculty, '16-'36) and Miss A. Beth Hostetter from whom many of these news items have come.

1899

Rose Glass plans a trip East to visit her sister, then to Cleveland to attend the convention of the National Retired Teacher's Association, of which she is Vice President. She greatly enjoys her work as Social Director at Wesley Gardens, a Methodist modern home for retired men and women.

1900

Frances Wood Gove Lynch feels that so many years have passed since she attended Shimer that no one will recognize her name, but I'm sure that is not the case. Her husband is a retired Professional Engineer and they have two daughters, Mary Bigham of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Cecile Grandjean of San Diego, California, and four grandchildren.

1906

Mr. and Mrs. Warren J. Lcake (Rose Lane) of Amboy, Illinois, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 29, 1957. They held an open house and had over three hundred guests. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Congratulations!

1907

Mr. and Mrs. Harper McKee (Mabel Hughes '14) are home again after a South Pacific cruise.

1917

Ruth Stephan Beyer would like news of Emily Kenworthy ('17) and Mollie Womack ('17). Ruth is on the Traveler's Aid Board of Directors, and also on the U.S.O. training committee for the hostesses in the T.A.-U.S.O. Lounge in the Kansas City Union Station.

Two grandsons enjoy weekends with Ruth and her husband, Ernest, at their lake house, just out of Kansas City.

1918

Ruth Chiverton retired from full time teaching a year ago and has now become a substitute teacher. She had a trip to Europe a year ago and keeps interested with reading, friends, and hobbies.

Madge Dynes Larson and husband spent four weeks in Japan last fall visiting their son, David, and his family. David is head of the music department at Kobe College in Nishimiya, Japan.

Ruth Stelhorn Mackensen, while visiting her daughter in Bar Harbor, Maine, for the Christmas Holidays, wrote of her memories of Shimer. Her daughter is a research assistant — a geneticist — at the Jackson Laboratory there.

1923

Ardath Blair Dean and family plan to visit Shimer this summer. Her telephone number is (corrected) Evergreen 7-4963, Jacksonville, Florida.

Grace Roe is now in charge of the Northside Traveling Branch of the Chicago Library, after having been in the Rogers Park (Ill.) branch for many years. She vacationed in Florida last spring.

1925

Sophy Perry Stone is still enjoying the role of Navy wife and is now in Northern California. Her older son is a Lt. j.g., U.S.N. with a lovely bride and wings. Their son, Bill, is a Senior at the

College of Williams and Mary in Virginia. Her new address is Qts. L., Mare Island, Vallejo, California. She keeps in touch with her former roommates of Hathaway Hall days, Ruth Touzalin Busch, and Martha Barnhart Hoffman, Dorothy Hill Moore, and Jane O'Boyle Roberts.

1926

Violet Spealman Frank is now a grandmother. Her first grandchild, Susan Lynn, was born May 24, 1957 to Dr. and Mrs. Stan Frank. Violet's son, Stan, finished his internship at Rockford Memorial Hospital in June, 1957, passed his State Board, and is now a Capt. in the army.

Mildred Augustine Perkins is President of the Hearing and Speech Center of St. Joseph County, a United Fund Agency. They have 57 children and adults taking auditory training, lip reading, etc. She says that it is a very challenging program but one with many problems.

Judy Williams Long is still living in Washington after going there for a "three week's vacation" three years ago. She says, "I liked the climate, scenery, and people so much that I just forgot to go back to Illinois. I'm quite sure I'm a Washingtonian now." Her address is P.O. Box 927, Maryville, Washington.

1929

Augusta Stenquist has retired from teaching because of ill health, but is staying occupied with correspondence courses from the University of Missouri and The University of Chicago. Her last teaching position was in the Mt. Carroll Community High School in 1952.

1930

Winifred (Fritzie) Peterson Marshall wrote that her twin daughters, Jacquie and Lynn graduated from college in June, 1957 — Jackie from Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington, Illinois, and Lynne from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Jacquie was married August 3, to Glenn Schmid and Lynne will be married April 26, 1958 to Gen Shafer. So it has been a busy year for the Marshall's!

1931

Dorothy Austin is still working at the American School, grading U. S. History and Civics. This is her fifth year and she loves the work.

1932

Gertrude Yeomans Retzer has been teaching nursing since 1953 when she returned to Baltimore. Last fall she began work on her master's degree at John Hopkins University.

1933

Mary Blackman Pippert and husband, Walter, were named to the chairmanship of the Indianapolis and Marion County's Heart Sunday, February 23. The job of leading some 7500 volunteer workers in solicitation of funds to fight heart disease is typical of the many types of service done by the Pipperts. Mary spends many hours each week in her work as vice-chairman of the American Red Cross Motor Service. She is also chairman of the Volunteer Patient Service, Pink Ladies, at Community Hospital, member of the Y.W.C.A. committee on administration, and is enrolled in a Great Books course.

She and her husband do theatre work. Walter recently appeared as the efficiency expert in "Desk Set" at the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre. They produced a film "This We Are This We Might Be," the story of their own street in peace time and in time of disaster.

1936

**Norma Jean Sorensen Gustafson** is busy juggling duties of a wife and an insurance broker and mother of two daughters; **Barbara**, 13 years old, and **Gail**, 11 years old. She is taking painting lessons in the Art Division of the 20th Century Club of Park Ridge, Illinois and enjoys them very much. **Mrs. Ruth Fender ('16)** is enjoying this work with **Norma Jean**. They have exhibited their paintings at the Park Ridge Art League Fair and the River Forest-Oak Park Art League.

1938

**Joan Rockey Cunningham** writes, "Having survived the idiosyncracies of a new house for a year now, we are feeling more or less settled back in the East again. Our three youngsters, **Peter**, 9, **Jill**, 5½, and **Wendy**, 2½, are sprouting like weeds. The Eastern air seems to agree with them. Now that the children are getting older, the fever to get into the 'open' again is getting stronger. I'm slowly getting back to teaching, via the Sunday School and Cub Scout route. Perhaps I inherited that love of teaching from mother, **Madame Scott**." **Joan** would like to help with an alumni group in the Hartford, Conn., area if there are interested alums in the area.

A "lost" alum has been found in Los Angeles, California. She is **Peggy Hodge Kohler**, from whom we had not heard since 1945. She is married and has four children, ranging from a girl of 13 down to a girl of 6 months, with 2 boys in between. Her husband is **Robert**, and their address is 3226 Butler Avenue, L.A. 66.

**Constance Clough Ratcliffe** and family live at the edge of town (Terre Haute, Ind.) in a country atmosphere. She says, "We have 4 acres and an old farmhouse, built in 1869, all of which has taken much redoing and will take much more. I am learning that a homemaker course should include: plumbing, electricity, agriculture and nursing, and decorating." Her family includes her husband, **Bob**, and three children; **Carol**, **Steve**, and **Larry**. They have two horses and 2 ponies for family riding.

**Connie's** sister, **Pat ('38)**, lives in Kensington, Md., and has four children, two of whom were born in Egypt.

1939

**Shirley Bruns Nielsen** was delighted to see the picture of **Miss Hostetter** in the last issue of the *Record*. She also enjoyed the "family page" and would like to see them more often.

**Ramona Powers** is working for the Victorylite Candle Company and is in charge of the showroom at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. She sells to stores on State Street "the best kind of every kind of candle." The owner (President) is **Frank R. Turner** whose sister, **Elizabeth Turner**, attended Shimer in 1925.

1941

**Marjorie Bull Middlebrook** is expecting her fifth child this month. Her other four are: **Lynne**, **Karen**, **Ann**, and **Nancy**. Their new address is 4141 Forest Manor, Indianapolis, Indiana.

1942

**Marilyn Kollisch** was married to **Mr. Fred E. Rosenthal** June 30, 1957, at the Ambassador East Hotel in Chicago. After a wonderful honeymoon to Las Vegas and Los Angeles they are now living at 1635 West Fargo Ave., Chicago 26, Illinois.

1943

**Barbara Geister Belding** writes that she and her husband have adopted another little boy, **Gary Pekka**. He is 7½ years old and comes from Finland. Their little **Susan** is the same age. The other adopted son is **Teddy** who is 4½ years old. She says that family life and community activities keep them busy.

1944

**Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Torff (Beverly Quade)** announced the birth of a son, **Bruce Alan**, on February 13, 1958. This is their second boy.

**Angeline Beth Hostetter Waterman** and family are now living in Monterey, California, where her husband, **Jack** is attending a post graduate school for a year. He is a Lt. in the Navy, and was previously stationed at Kodiak, Alaska. **Beth** and daughter, **Jacqueline**, visited her parents in Mt. Carroll last fall.

**Mary Dix Wright** is currently working on "The Life of Riley" and "Have Gun—Will Travel" TV shows as TV production assistant. She had a nice visit with **Ilene Greenberry ('44)** Crane when she and her husband were vacationing in California. Most of their time together was spent in conversation reminiscing about Shimer days.

1947

**Barbara Dodge** was married to **Robert W. Bennett** in June, 1957. They went to Hawaii for their honeymoon. **Bob** was transferred from Denver to Vernal, Utah, and they have been travelling much of the time since. In January they were going to Alta and Aspen for skiing. **Mr. Bennett** is an Oil Scout for Carter Oil Company.

**LeClaire Davis Killinger** has recently notified us that she and her husband, **Don**, have been living in Midland, Michigan, for three years. She works in **Daw's** Patent Dept. and **Don** is Technical Salesman for **Daw** and covers most of the U.S. in his work. **LeClaire** occasionally "goes along for the ride" with **Don**. She says, "The welcome mat is out for any alums who get to Midland."

**Mary Shreffler Mack** made a return visit to Shimer and Mt. Carroll last fall with her husband, **George**, and 6 year old daughter, **Debra**. She says, "I have spoken so glowingly of Shimer and Mt. Carroll all these years that I was almost afraid my husband would be disappointed. I needn't have worried."

**Patricia Lahs Phillips** has a new address. It is Route 2, Highway 22 West, Mexico, Missouri.

**Dona Schoening Gifford** reports that she is proud of her Shimer musical background as she can now help to teach her three musical children at home. **Dawn** is 11 years old, **Eric** is 7, and **Timothy** was just 5.

1948

**Patricia Gilpin Bullard** and family are quite settled in old Greenwich after their 2½ years there. Her children are **Carol**, **Benny**, and **Betsy**. Her husband, **Ben**, is with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and is making a tour through the Middle East — Arabia, Iraq, Iran. **Pat's** sister, **Frances Gilpin Gumpfer ('48)**, is back in the States now with her doctor husband and two little girls after a pleasant three years in Hawaii in the army.

**Patricia Phillips Butterbach** and her husband visited **Pat** last summer while they vacationed in the East.



Joan Pflugardt Roggenbauer lost her husband in August, 1957.

Virginia Hay Humphrey and family live at 1028 28th Street, West Des Moines, Iowa. She would love to hear from any of her classmates. She and Frannie Rehmann ('47) met Marian Boddy Wight ('47) and her husband when they went to Des Moines on business. All had a nice chat after 11 years separation. Virginia's children are now 7 and 4 years old and both have birthdays on July 4. What celebrations the Hays' must have.

1949

Patricia Hatton Bellemah and sister, Janet, send greetings to all. Pat says, "Just wish we lived closer so we could visit our 'old' home."

Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Huset (Bonnie Watts) announced the birth of a daughter, Debra Jean, March 22, 1958. She was joined at home by two brothers, Douglas, 4 years old, and David, 1½ years old.

1950

Virginia Nelson Dommers is now living in Austin, Texas, where her husband is assistant Professor, Petroleum Engineering Dept., University of Texas. They announced the birth of a daughter, Libby Ann, on October 14, 1957.

1951

Doug and Jill Foster (Jill Mickelson) announced the birth of Mark Douglas, September, 1957.

1952

Mr. and Mrs. Said Abu-Rish (Prudence Cooper) announced the birth of a daughter, Charla Jo, on March 18, 1958. Their present address is Humboldt, Nebraska.

Margaret Maennle and Pat Grubbs ('50) are back in New Orleans together after spending "five truly wonderful months in Europe." They have a car now and recently enjoyed a trip through plantation country. Pat has added photography to her list of hobbies and is also taking painting lessons which she is enjoying very much. They see Ben and Joyce Gorman ('52) quite often as he is now in Graduate School of Tulane University.

1953

Diane O'Brien Dare is working as private secretary to the president of Shasta Beverage Co. in the south suburban Chicago area. She and her husband, Jack, saw the Royal Ballet performance of "Swan Lake" during the Christmas holidays. Jack is an Installation Technician at Western Electric Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kunitz (Joan Molner) announced the birth of Laural Jan, a little sister for Robin Anne, on March 9, 1958. Their address is 1216 East 54th St., Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lievens (Virginia Myler) announced the birth of a daughter Cynthia Sue, November 19, 1957. They also have a son, 18 months old.

George Cooper Nesmith and Anne Hargreaves were married January 27, 1958, in Portland, Oregon.

Abel M. Schwartz is on the "last lap" of his tour of service in the Coast Guard. He was recently married to Barbara Anne Boesche in Boonton, N.Y. Barbara teaches sixth grade in New Orleans. Abel is continuing his education at Tulane University's evening college. He plans to continue his career in journalism upon his release from the service in September.

Erin Libby Shira is still at the Art Institute working towards a B.F.A. even though she has a year old daughter, Celt. She had three months in Mexico City last summer and has done a great deal of "small time" exhibiting and some professional work.

Margaret Spalding recently returned from five weeks of touring in England, Scotland, France, Germany and Ireland. She says, "The experiences of travelling abroad are really a must for all who want a broader outlook on the different ways of life in the world."

1954

Sharon Lee Gulley was married recently to Phillip Irby, of Kokomo, Indiana. Her address is 912½ South Buckeye, Kokomo.

John Valentine and wife Donna are living in Clarendon Hills, Illinois, with their 2 year old daughter, Susie. He is working for an insurance company in Chicago and enjoys this line of work very much. He finds it "intricate, fascinating, and often quite fast moving."

1955

Kent Karohl plans to take the Bar examination in Missouri in June and then he, subject to some time in the military, will practice law in St. Louis.

David Stueckemann is eagerly awaiting the sight of the Golden Gate bridge after his 14 months' duty in the Far East which expires in August. He's looking forward to visiting Shimer. He says, "It seems like ages since I've seen the friends I made in Mt. Carroll. Say 'hello' to all for me."

1956

Linda Krueger was married to Bruce MacLachlan, July 27, 1957. They moved to Seattle the first of the year. Their address is 3760 University Way, Seattle 5, Washington.

Mary Overfield and Donald Jeffries ('54) were married in October, 1957, in Rockford, Illinois. They now reside in Brooklyn, N.Y. where Mr. Jeffries is the Assistant Manager of the New York office of Hargraves Secret Service.

David P. Zack is a radar Air Traffic controller in the AACS Squadron, and at last word was stationed in Huntingdonshire, England. He says, "The countryside around my base is much like that of Shimer and it constantly brings back memories of the many happy times I had while at Shimer."

1957

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hess (Diana Jo Reynolds) announced the birth of a daughter on April 2, 1958. They live in Ocean Beach, California. Diana Jo is a grand niece of Grace Reynolds Squires ('02), niece of Grace Reynolds Watson ('31), and sister of Silas Reynolds ('53).

Michael Mullin, who is now at Harvard, spent an enjoyable evening in Brooklyn with Steve Fishkin and Anne Pollach ('57). The three of them called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Jeffries (Mary Overfield) '54-'56, who live in Brooklyn. Quite a Shimer reunion! Anne and Steve report that the wedding plans for June are "shaping up" quite nicely. They are busy now looking at apartments and furniture.

Joy Wheaton spent several months during the winter touring England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Germany. At the time of her letter she was about to go skiing in Austria. Pat Mayers ('57) was in Germany while Joy was there.

## SPRING EVENTS

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| March 31 | First classes of Spring Quarter                            |
| April 9  | Pops Concert — The Buddy Ackerson Band                     |
| April 12 | Tennis Courts Game Night                                   |
| April 19 | Green Curtain Play—"The Crucible"                          |
| April 23 | Concert Series — Tabachnick Trio — Piano, violin and cello |
| April 24 | Tennis Match — Aurora College — there                      |
| April 26 | Tennis Match — Rockford College—there                      |
| April 26 | College Carnival — Gymnasium                               |
| May 1    | Tennis Match — Rockford College — here                     |
| May 2    | Mid-quarter ends   |
| May 3    | Tennis Match — Aurora College — here                       |
| May 10   | Spring Prom  |
| May 11   | Founder's Day  |

May 11 Concert Series — Shimer College Choir Spring Concert

May 15 All School picnic

May 24-June 4 Comprehensive Examinations

June 1 Convocation — Metcalf Auditorium

June 4 Spring Quarter ends

Alumni and friends are cordially invited to attend these events. Detailed program for May 31 and June 1 appears below.

## AN INVITATION

to the graduates of the classes of 1908, 1933 and 1948 —

You are cordially invited to attend the activities planned for Convocation Weekend as guests of the College.

Below is the program of activities planned for Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1. If you cannot come, write us some news of yourself for others to enjoy.

## SCHEDULE OF ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

MAY 31, JUNE 1, 1958

### MAY 31

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 10:00 a.m. | Conducted tour of campus  |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Art exhibits in Art Studio and Dickerson Gallery  |
| 5:00 p.m.  | County Alumni Business Meeting, Faculty Lounge  |
| 6:15 p.m.  | Dinner in the Dining Hall (or picnic on the quad)<br>(\$1.25 per adult — \$.65 per child under 8) |
| 7:00 p.m.  | National Alumni Association annual business meeting   |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Movie — Metcalf Auditorium  |

### JUNE 1

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1:00 p.m. | Dinner in the Dining Hall. Recognition of visiting alumni  |
| 2:30 p.m. | Convocation for candidates for the Bachelor's degree, Metcalf Auditorium<br>(Guest speaker — Dr. Victor Johnson, Director of Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research and member of the Shimer Board of Trustees.) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Reception at Sawyer House for visitors, faculty, and students.   |



## REGISTRATION BLANK FOR GUESTS

Address .....

Name ..... Class year.....

Day and Time of Arrival.....

.....by auto, about.....o'clock on.....(day)

.....by train in Mt. Carroll at.....(hour and day)

.....by train in Savanna.....(hour and day)  
(Burlington or Milwaukee R.R.)

(Savanna trains will be met if we are notified in advance)

*I would like accommodations for*

.....Friday night ..... Saturday night

.....in a dormitory .....in a town residence .....at the Hotel in  
Mt. Carroll

I shall have with me .....

(Rooms either in town or in dormitory will be approximately \$2.00 per night.)

*I would like reservations for the following meals:*

|                                 | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------|
| BREAKFAST (50¢)                 | .....    | .....  |
| LUNCHEON (75¢)                  | .....    | .....  |
| DINNER                          |          |        |
| (\$1.25, children under 8, 65¢) | .....    | .....  |

*Meal tickets may be purchased before meals in Hostetter Hall Lounge.*

Special guests this year will be the graduates of the classes of 1908, '33, and '48. A cordial welcome, however, is in store not only for these classes but for all alumni and friends, and especially families, who can attend any of the events planned.

If you can be with us send us the information about your plans which is asked for on the blank above.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_